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Application No. 09/267,199 (BHAT *et al.*) filed March 12, 1999 (Conf. No. 6701)

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Re: Waivers of Hearing

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is a Waiver  
of Hearing for each of the following applications:

1. Appeal No.: Not Yet Assigned/Conf. No. 6701  
Serial No. 09/267,199, filed March 12, 1999  
Applicants: Barkur G. BHAT *et al.*  
Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with the Tocopherol  
Pathway  
Attorney Docket No.: 16517.233
2. Appeal No.: 2003-1072  
Serial No. 09/333,534, filed June 14, 1999  
Applicants: Timothy W. CONNER *et al.*  
Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants  
Attorney Docket No.: 38-21(15404)B/US
3. Appeal No.: 2003-1073  
Serial No. 09/540,234, filed April 3, 2000  
Applicants: Timothy W. CONNER *et al.*  
Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants  
Attorney Docket No.: 38-21(15726)B/US
4. Appeal No.: 2003-1074  
Serial No. 09/552,086, filed April 19, 2000  
Applicants: Robert E. BUEHLER *et al.*  
Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants  
Attorney Docket No.: 38-21(15760)B/US
5. Appeal No.: 2003-1666  
Serial No. 09/521,640, filed March 10, 2000  
Applicants: Joseph R. BYRUM *et al.*  
Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants  
Attorney Docket No.: 16517.128

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6. Appeal No.: 2003-1939  
Serial No. 09/333,535, filed June 14, 1999  
Applicants: Joseph R. BYRUM *et al.*  
Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants  
Attorney Docket No.: 16517.277
7. Appeal No.: 2004-1034  
Serial No. 09/666,355, filed September 20, 2000  
Applicants: Karen L. FINCHER *et al.*  
Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants  
Attorney Docket No.: 16517.314
8. Appeal No.: 2004-1272  
Serial No. 09/371,146, filed August 9, 1999  
Applicants: Nordine CHEIKH *et al.*  
Title: Annotated Plant Genes  
Attorney Docket No.: 16517.032
9. Appeal No.: 2004-1273  
Serial No. 09/637,086, filed August 11, 2000  
Applicants: Karen L. FINCHER *et al.*  
Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants  
Attorney Docket No.: 16517.285
10. Appeal No.: 2004-1275  
Serial No. 09/540,235, filed April 3, 2000  
Applicants: Dane K. FISHER *et al.*  
Title: Nucleic Acid Sequences from Cyanidium Caldarium and Uses Thereof  
Attorney Docket No.: 16517.276
11. Appeal No.: 2004-1406  
Serial No. 09/553,094, filed April 18, 2000  
Applicants: Scott E. ANDERSEN *et al.*  
Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants  
Attorney Docket No.: 16517.272

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12. Appeal No. 2004-1480  
Serial No. 09/732,627, filed December 8, 2000  
Applicants: Karen L. FINCHER *et al.*  
Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants  
Attorney Docket No.: 16517.281
13. Appeal No.: 2004-1725  
Serial No. 09/233,218, filed January 20, 1999  
Applicants: ~~Claire A. CAJACOB *et al.*~~  
Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with the Tetrapyrrole  
Pathway  
Attorney Docket No.: 16517.231
14. Appeal No.: 2004-1773  
Serial No. 09/421,106, filed October 15, 1999  
Applicants: Joseph R. BYRUM  
Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants  
Attorney Docket No.: 16517.142

It is respectfully requested that acknowledgement of receipt of these waivers be sent via return facsimile to the undersigned at 202-942-5999.

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of these patent applications, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Appellants do not believe any additional fees are due in conjunction with these filings. However, if any fees are required in the present applications, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing docket number 16517.001.

Sincerely,



David R. Marsh (Reg. No. 41,408)

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In re application of:

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Appln. No.: 09/333,534

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Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants

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Examiner: Ardin H. Marschel

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Appeal No.: 2003-1072

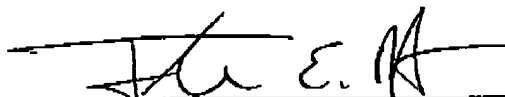
**Waiver of Hearing**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

A hearing before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences ("Board") was requested on October 3, 2002, in the above-identified application. Applicants hereby waive attendance at this hearing, and respectfully request that the Board make its decision based on the record.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: July 22, 2004

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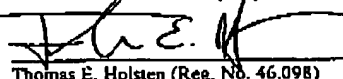
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